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For : EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND EVALUATION SYSTEM,  
EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER-  
READABLE RECORD MEDIUM WITH EQUIPMENT  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STORED THEREIN

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**In The Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION(S)

This application is a divisional of patent application Serial No. 09/115,354, filed  
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**In the Claims:**

Please cancel original claims 1-14, 21-34, 36-39, 41-53, and 60-66, without prejudice.

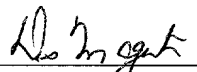
**Remarks**

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, original claims 1-14, 21-34, 36-39, 41-53, and 60-66.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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